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Applicant:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 28, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Kindly delete the text at p.30, lines 4-6.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14 without prejudice to future prosecution.